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### **Texas man pleads guilty to illegal discharge of a pollutant**

BATON ROUGE – A Texas man recently pled guilty to a misdemeanor count of illegally discharging a pollutant into Louisiana waters.

Amos Edward McDaniel, 73, of Carthage, Texas, ordered a truck driver to discharge well treatment fluid into Cypress Creek in Natchitoches Parish in April of 2006. The Criminal Investigation Division of DEQ received a complaint from DEQ's Northwest Regional Office indicating that a service company had discharged an oily substance into Cypress Creek. The investigation led to McDaniel, who admitted that he ordered a truck driver to discharge the material.

“Unfortunately economic incentives drive environmental crime and people or businesses who are motivated by the prospect of economic gain will continue to receive the full investigative attention of this department,” said Jeffrey T. Nolan, DEQ's Criminal Investigation Division Manager.

As part of the plea, McDaniel was sentenced to 24 months probation and agreed to pay a \$5,000 criminal fine; \$2,500 to the Criminal Investigation Division of DEQ; \$500 to the Civil Enforcement Division of DEQ; and \$500 to the Southern Environmental Enforcement Network.

This case was prosecuted by Van H. Kyzar, District Attorney of the Tenth Judicial District in Natchitoches Parish.

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